

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Linda Aylward, Steve Kahn, Lauren Preisen.

Also present were Village Forester Susan Allman, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Vance Antoniou and Kourtney Sellers were absent.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2024 Environmental & Health "Special" Commission Meeting**

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve the January 9, 2024, Environmental & Health Commission Special Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Update on Earth Day/Arbor Day**

The date for the Earth Day/Arbor Day cleanup and tree planting dedication event at Eton Park is Sunday April 28, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Village Forester Susan Allman has secured a tree donation from Biltmore Country Club. A flowering tree would be preferred. Lauren Preisen will contact the Girl Scouts about participating. Village Forester Susan Allman offered to contact Scout Leader Tony Kircher. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will follow up about ordering the tree saplings to hand out to the residents. The Commission will pick up some cookies for the participants. Both Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, would be designated as Village clean-up days. The events will be publicized in the Village spring newsletter, website, and E-blasts.

**Tree of the Year 2023**

The 2023 Tree of the Year winner will be featured in the Village E-blasts and on the Village Website. The Silets family, winner of the 2023 Tree of the Year, will be recognized at the April Village Board of Trustees meeting. They will be presented with a plaque and a yard sign will be placed close to their property. The Commission discussed the issue of the 2023 Tree of the Year winner not being visible from the public street. The Tree of the Year guidelines state the tree can be visible from a private street as well. After discussion, the Commission decided to leave the guideline verbiage unchanged. Chairperson Aylward suggested the Village partner with the Silets to hold an open house this summer for Village residents to view the 2023 Tree of the Year winning Chestnut Tree. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will order the yard sign and the plaques for both the resident and Village Hall.

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**Potential Workshops and Seminars for the Village-Composting Workshop CFC Timing and Location**

Steve Kahn reported that Citizens for Conservation holds various workshops, usually at the Lake Barrington Village Hall. Steve will coordinate with Citizens for Conservation to express the Commissions interest, and to obtain the dates and location of the upcoming workshops. Those workshops would be on the Village website and E-blasts. He reported that several neighboring communities participate in various workshops. Composting is being offered by Groot refuse company. Chairperson Aylward would like the Commission to be involved when the Village begins researching new refuse companies so the composting programs can be considered.

**Material for Village Newsletter**

The Commission discussed the timing for the submission of articles to be included in the quarterly Newsletter. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will notify the Commission well in advance of when the newsletter articles will be needed.

The Commission discussed the mulch for the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, event. It was decided a delivery would involve too much mulch. A small amount of mulch is needed for the newly planted tree. The Village Forester will talk to the maintenance person at Biltmore Country Club about getting a small amount of mulch delivered.

**Old/New Business**

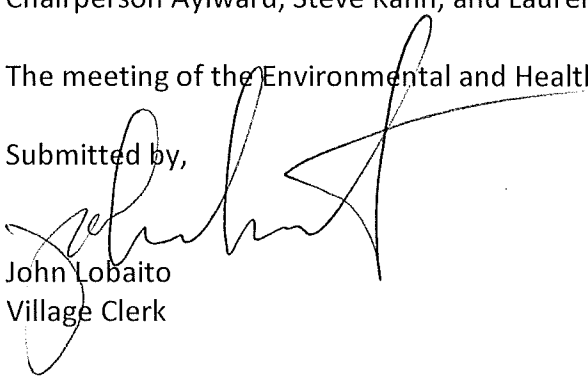
There was no old or new business.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

  
John Lobaito  
Village Clerk

